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SUBJ: MONTHLY NARCOTICS SUMMARY - MARCH 74

1. ACTING WITH HEALTH AUTHORITIES UNDER RECENT PSYCHO-PHARMACEUTICAL DECREE, POLICE NARCOTIS BRIGADE SEIZED VERY LARGE QUANTITY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, OPIATES, INJECTABLE OPIATES AND PEP PILLS. THIS FIRST BRIGADE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION ALSO RESULTED IN SEVERAL ARRESTS.

2. A TWO-WEEK DEA SEMINAR FOR SOME 80 URUGUAYAN OFFICIALS WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 29. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED POLICE OFFICERS FROM EVERY DEPARTMENT IN URUGUAY, MARITIME POLICE, ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, CUSTOMS OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. PARTICIPANTS, DEA INSTRUCTORS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED THE CLOSING EXERCISE WERE UNANIMOUS IN VOICING PRAISE FOR AN EXCEPTIONALLY SMOOTH AND WELL-CONCEIVED PROGRAM.

3. THE AMBASSADOR AND THEN SAIC SAUCEDO AND THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR CALLED ON THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR, CONFIDENTIAL

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COL. HUGO LINARES, WHO ASSURED THEM THAT GOU COOPERATION

WITH OUR NARCOTICS EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE. LINARES WAS BRIEFED ON A POSSIBLE EXPULSION CASE AND REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE. THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED ON COL. CARDOZO, HEAD OF ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF, ON ANOTHER MATTER. CARDOZO RAISED THE SUBJECT OF NARCOTICS, MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS AWARE OF LINARES' DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS AND SAID IT REPRESENTED THE POSITION OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE CONVERSATIONS WITH LINARES AND CARDOZO REMOVED ANY LINGERING CONCERN WE HAD OVER POSSIBLE IMPACT OF CHANGE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS ON OUTSTANDING COOPERATION WE HAD RECEIVED FROM GOU IN PAST.

4. SAIC SET IN MOTION ACTIONS AIMED AT MANUEL ANDRES PUCHE-SOMBRA AND OMAR CARTERI.
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